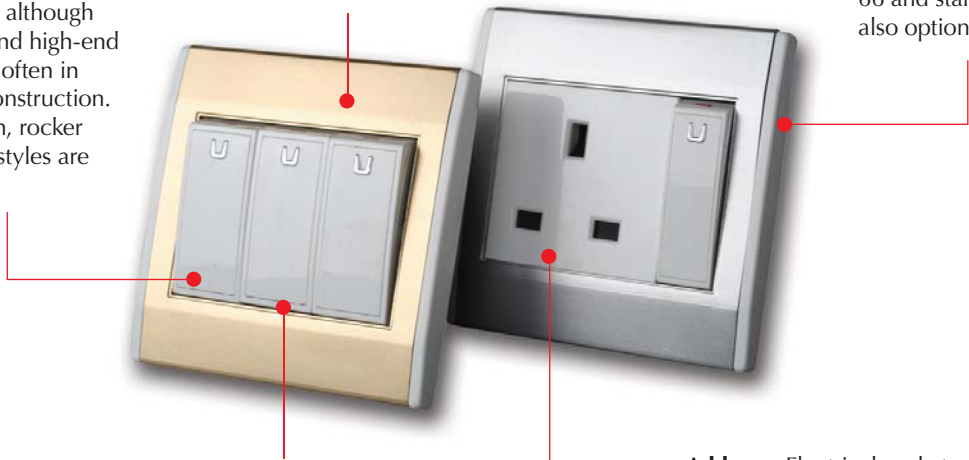


New models smarter, more appealing

Typical features

- **Gang:** Single- and multigang light switches are offered, although midrange and high-end models are often in the latter construction. Push-button, rocker and toggle styles are available.
 - **Plate/Cover:** ABS switch plates are the mainstream in the low end and midrange. In the upscale segment, PC covers are employed, and several makers adopt fire-resistant versions of the material from Germany and other overseas sources. A number of suppliers also use nylon 66 and metal such as stainless steel.
 - **Back box:** The mounting box that goes into the wall is typically in ABS or PC. For midrange and upscale models, nylon 66 and stainless steel are also options.
 - **Contact:** Copper alloys and silver are the top choices for the contact material. The former is typical in the low end and midrange, while silver is more commonly found in upscale designs.
 - **Add-ons:** Electrical sockets are the most popular extras integrated in light switches. Certain models combine dimmer controls and sockets for TVs and telephones.
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Price range (per unit)	Basic features
Below \$0.50	1-gang type; ABS; <50,000 on/off cycles; copper or bronze contact
\$0.50 to \$1.20	Multigang type; fire-resistant ABS; painted finish; silver-plated bronze contact; with or without sockets; 50,000 to 80,000 on/off cycles
Above \$1.20	Multigang type; nylon 66, fire-resistant PC or stainless steel; silver contact; painted and/or UV finish; with or without sockets; >80,000 on/off cycles

Top trends

- **Wireless solutions:** A number of China suppliers are adopting Z-Wave and other wireless technologies to make light switches more user-friendly. Many new models can be operated remotely via a computer or mobile phone.
- **Wider design selection:** Square and rectangular light switches remain popular. Most makers, however, are expanding selections to include shapes for a variety of interior and exterior styles, customs and cultures.
- **More finishing options:** In terms of surface treatment, gold and silver paint are widely adopted on stainless steel models. White is still the mainstream for plastic types, but other hues are available.
- **Longer life span:** Many recent releases are capable of supporting 80,000 to 100,000 on/off cycles. In contrast, most older models can be turned on and off a maximum of 80,000 times.
- **Export projection:** Overseas shipments are expected to grow no more than 5 percent in 2012 amid the sluggish economies of North America and the EU.

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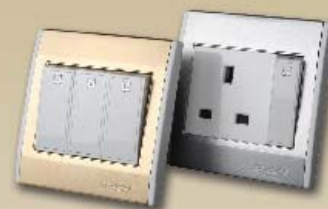
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Model: LYS1-1(HA)

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